

To: Health Care Reform Realization Committee  
From: Barb Flye  
Re: Notes and follow up from May 26<sup>th</sup> meeting  
Date: June 1, 2010

**Mark your calendar—Next Meeting Date:**

**Wednesday, July 28, 2010**

**1 to 5 PM**

**Present:** Commissioner Mike Kreidler, Kim Armstrong, Senator Randi Becker, Carole Butkus, Anthony Chen, Representative Eileen Cody, Sean Corry, Mary Sue Gorski, Todd Holm, Senator Karen Keiser, Lisa Nisenfeld, Denise Passinetti, Bill Riley, Roberta Riley, Sue Sharpe, Roslyn Solomon, Howard Springer, Steve Tharinger, Michael Vanderlinde.

**Staff:** Barb Flye, Mary Clogston, Ann Aas.

**Goals of the meeting:**

- ✓ Education on elements of the new law & when they go into effect
- ✓ Understanding of Washington's landscape—other efforts & the respective role of the Committee
- ✓ Education, discussion & assignment of a temporary workgroup on the high risk pool
- ✓ Establishing a structure for the Committee's work

**Overviews and Updates**

An overview to the new health care reform law was presented. The PPT will be made available on the Realization Committee website in the next week or so. A few questions were raised that we did not have the answers for—those are being researched and we will follow up with the answers.

A quick report and review of the other tables involved in implementing health care reform was given by Mary Clogston, Senator Keiser and Rep. Cody. The Governor's Health Care Cabinet is made up of the heads of agencies, and the Commissioner has been invited and is serving. It will largely be an internal mechanism to ensure coordination and accountability among state government involved in implementing the Affordable Care Act.

As part of the discussion, Senator Keiser and Rep. Cody reviewed the goals and next steps of the Joint Select Committee on health care reform, which held its first meeting that morning. The JSC will bring legislation forward during the next and subsequent legislative sessions to implement federal reform in our state. The co-chairs goal is to involve stakeholders in providing recommendations and considerations around three distinct areas: insurance & exchange, Low income populations, and workforce development. Other advisory committees in other areas could be organized at a later date.

The Realization Committee reserved time, see below on the agenda to discuss how its work fit with the work of the JSC.

**The Federal High Risk Pool**

Mary Clogston gave an update of the Federal High Risk pool, letting committee members know that the OIC would be the designated agency contracting with HHS, and working closely with WSHIP (WA's

current high risk pool) to administer and run the pool. It is viewed as a two part process: the first is to get the program up and enrolling as soon as possible—using the federal floor as the guidelines; and then with the help of an advisory committee, the Commissioner would consider refining the proposal. A temporary Realization workgroup will be set up to get phase 2 underway. Sean Corry and Howard Springer volunteered, and Sean suggested Bob Moore, a former GHC and WSHIP board member serve to begin that work.

### Structuring the work of the Realization Committee

The goals of this discussion were to determine the work of the Committee within the confines of resources available; and to complement the work being done by the JSC on stakeholder input.

During our meeting the Realization Committee decided that it would designate potential liaisons to the JSC's advisory councils on insurance/exchange, workforce development, and low income populations.

Barb submitted the following names to the lead staff of the JSC, Rhoda Donkin, on Thursday of last week for consideration by the JSC co-chairs:

### Insurance reforms & exchange:

Sean Corry  
Sue Sharpe

*Because of the OIC's role in regulating the insurance market in our state, the Commissioner is also going to have a stakeholder workgroup of the Realization Committee on this issue that will feed, through our liaison(s), recommendations to the JSC advisory council and JSC members themselves. The OIC will be staffing this workgroup and working at filling it out to a manageable and diverse workgroup.*

### Workforce Development:

Lisa Nisenfeld  
Mary Sue Gorski, ARNP PhD  
Anthony Chen, MD MPH  
Kim Armstrong, RN

### Low income populations:

Bill Riley  
Michael Vanderlinde

### Additional areas:

In addition, a variety of Realization Committee members took responsibility for seeing if there were other entities that could staff/lead workgroups on Prevention & Wellness; Quality & Efficiency; and Employer Issues.

### Prevention & Wellness:

Anthony Chen, plan is to reach out to DOH and other Public Health officials across the state

**Quality and Efficiency:**

Michael Vanderlinde & Mary Sue Gorski, Barb will put them in touch with the Puget Sound Health Alliance, but they will also reach out to other potential hosts of this work.

**Employer Issues:**

Roslyn Solomon & Carole Butkus, they will begin by reaching out to some employer groups they work with. These issues will likely fit into the other categories—but the group decided it wanted to make sure employer perspectives were included in the implementation of the PPACA.

**For Realization Committee members present and those who were unable to make last week's meeting, please let me know if you would like to be included in any of the activities above and we will see what we can do!**

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